

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2001
ROOM 129, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Members Present: Rep. Marda Dillree, Co-Chair
 Sen. Karen Hale
 Sen. Bill Hickman
 Rep. Doug Aagard
 Rep. Duane Bourdeaux
 Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
 Rep. Glenn Donnelson
 Rep. James Ferrin
 Rep. Tom Hatch
 Rep. Brad King
 Rep. Karen Morgan
 Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
 Rep. John Swallow
 Rep. Glenn Way

Member Excused: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Co-Chair

Member Absent: Sen. John Valentine

Staff Present: R. Michael Kjar, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Gary Ricks, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
 Nedra Duzett, Secretary

Visitor List on File

Committee Co-Chair Rep. Dillree called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

1. **Introductions** - Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Time was given to school board members and other education officials to introduce themselves.
2. **Committee Procedures** - Michael Kjar, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed committee procedures of the budget hearings. A copy of the procedures was given to committee members.
3. **Scheduling Calendar** - Mr. Kjar distributed a proposed hearing schedule for meetings through February 14. He pointed out that the Friday, January 26 meeting will be a joint meeting of Public Education Appropriations and Higher Education Appropriations subcommittees to review the budget for Applied Technology Education.

4. **Committee Issues Discussion** - Rep. Dillree gave an overview of issues identified by the committee chairs for review. She noted that some committee members had requested several of the issues. The issues included: a mitigation or rainy day fund for education, School Building Capital Outlay Program, and voted leeway. Extended year proposals were on the list, as well as concurrent enrollment and the electronic high school, all of which could require additional funding. Additional charter schools, recruitment bonuses, and tuition tax credits were also recommended by Rep. Dillree as important issues. Rep. Dillree said that Rep. Cox has requested an opportunity to present the results of a study on school size and class size to the subcommittee.

Rep. Way requested a report of the audits which have been completed on class-size reduction and text books.

Rep. Buffmire reminded the subcommittee that their first task is the budget before they can hear additional issues. Sen. Hickman said the subcommittee should dedicate its time primarily to the appropriations process. He recommended the committee concentrate on those items related to the budget. Rep. Hatch recommended the subcommittee look at new ideas and new proposals.

5. **Public Education Budget (Minimum School Program) Overview** - Mr. Kjar explained the minimum school program and gave an overview of the entire public education budget. He referred to the handout that was distributed to the committee showing 45 programs in the minimum school program in six categories. Explanations were given regarding the breakdown of monies which fund the public education budget.

Mr. Kjar said a budget analysis book will be given to the committee at the meeting on Friday and requested this book be brought to all meetings.

6. **Other Committee Business** - Rep. Dillree asked Mr. Kjar to provide information on the amount of money going to higher education.

MOTION: Rep. Donnelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Nedra Duzett, Secretary